

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Call to Order: Chairman John Esp, on April 1, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.,
in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ron Erickson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 411, 3/26/2009; HB 472,
3/27/2009

Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON HB 411

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:24 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on
HB 411, Flood damage mitigation assistance program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:11 Bob Gilbert, representing the cities of Glendive and
Roundup and the counties of Dawson, Musselshell and
Rosebud

00:06:53 Tim Davis, representing Montana Smart Growth Coalition

00:07:20 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

00:08:41 John MacDonald, speaking for City of Missoula

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Written testimony submitted by Brianna Randall, Water
Policy Director, Clark Fork Coalition, Missoula

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:17 Laurence Siroky, Bureau Chief, Water Operations Bureau,
Department of Natural Resources and Conservations
(DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:33 Sen. Jackson

00:14:50 Laurence Siroky, DNRC

00:18:12 Sen. Tutvedt

00:18:32 Rep. McChesney

00:19:56 Sen. Barkus

00:20:15 Rep. McChesney

00:21:16 Sen. Essmann

00:21:54 Laurence Siroky

00:22:55 Sen. Essmann

00:23:22 Rep. McChesney

00:24:15 Chairman Esp

00:24:22 Rep. McChesney

00:24:31 Chairman Esp

00:24:54 Laurence Siroky

00:28:38 Sen. Gillan

00:29:04 Rep. McChesney

00:30:10 Sen. Jackson

00:31:02 Rep. McChesney

00:31:11 Laurence Siroky

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:24 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 472

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:10 Rep. Dick Barrett (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 472, Clarify state and local highway maintenance obligations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:48 John MacDonald, speaking for City of Missoula
00:41:49 Alan Hulse, Montana Municipal Insurance Authority (MMIA)
00:42:38 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:45:53 Bill Gianoulis, Chief Defense Counsel, Risk Management and Tort Defense Division, Department of Administration (DOA)
00:50:25 John Blacker, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:59 Sen. Essmann
00:55:48 John Blacker, DOT
00:56:53 Sen. Essmann
00:57:23 John Blacker
00:59:11 Sen. Barkus
00:59:37 John Blacker
01:01:39 Sen. Gillan
01:02:30 Rep. Barrett
01:03:15 Alec Hansen, MLCT
01:04:06 Sen. Gillan
01:04:22 Alec Hansen
01:06:52 Chairman Esp
01:07:38 Rep. Barrett
01:07:52 Chairman Esp
01:08:10 Bill Gianoulis, DOA
01:08:56 Chairman Esp
01:09:03 Tim Reardon, DOT
01:13:35 Chairman Esp

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: (Con't)

01:14:09 John Blacker
01:14:42 Sen. Barkus
01:15:05 John Blacker
01:15:43 Sen. Gillan
01:16:06 John Blacker

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:23 Rep. Barrett

Committee Business:

01:20:12 Chairman Esp

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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